

be voted on at the next election. Nebraska's election laws are entirely too liberal. Under them a foreigner needs to live in Nebraska but six months in order to become a voter. He needs only to declare his intentions to become a citizen after six months' residence, and he is then a voter. He need never complete his citizenship. The amendment provides that those who have declared their intentions must complete their citizenship inside of five years or forfeit the right to vote, while those who are not already naturalized citizens of some other state, of at least five years' standing, shall have lived in the United States at least five years before being privileged to vote. The limitation is reasonable enough in all conscience, and the amendment should carry by a rousing majority.

Otto William Meier, democratic candidate for county attorney, is a young lawyer of acknowledged ability, splendid character and undoubted industry. He has never before sought political office, although he was elected to the city council as a democrat from a heavily republican ward—a fact that bears eloquent testimony to his standing among his fellow townsmen. He is a veteran of the Spanish-American war. If elected Mr. Meier will take into the office of county attorney the energy of a young man who has no strings tied to him, and who will be under no obligations to anybody save the people he has been chosen to serve.

Peter Mortensen has filed as a candidate for railroad commissioner to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Cowgill. There seems to be some question about the right of the governor to appoint to fill the vacancy, although the general opinion is that the governor has that right. The matter will doubtless be contested in the courts. If the republicans were looking for a good man for the place why did they overlook Clark Perkins, the present secretary of the commission?

Auditor Barton's vote in Havelock and Plattsmouth ought to show up big. An insurance company succeeded in writing a lot of policies for shop men in those two cities by promising things that no reputable insurance company could carry out. Auditor Barton got wind of the fact, investigated thoroughly, and then made the insurance company return the premiums, thus saving the mechanics several thousand dollars. It is because Auditor Barton has pursued this line of policy, making no particular fuss, but safeguarding the people at every turn of the road, that he is deserving of re-election. And his majority ought to be so decisive as to be a splendid encouragement to other officials to work in the interests of the whole people instead of mere party advantage.

A most interesting rumor has been set afloat, and it should receive the widest publicity. It is to the effect that the frame-up of the anti-option forces is to elect Dahlman this year, send him to the senate two years from now and elect John Sink of Grand Island to the governorship to succeed him. Wouldn't that disturb the mold on the fruit jars?

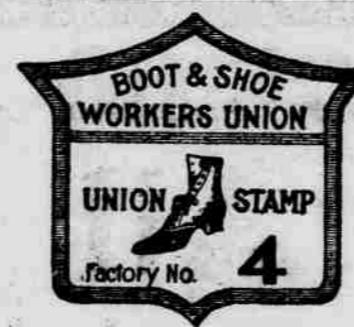
York county has never had a saloon, save once, and then only for a couple of months. You would naturally think that Dahlman stood about as much show in York county as a prohibition candidate in the Peoria district. Mark the prediction: Dahlman will come within 250 votes of carrying York county. And Aldrich's majority in Lancaster will be considerably less than the majority recorded by the "drys" in Lincoln last spring—if, indeed, he has any majority at all in Lancaster.

The esteemed Journal, which says that the voters are entitled to all the facts, is cordially invited to inform the voters how and under what conditions Chester H. Aldrich broke his leg in York, Nebraska, a few years ago.

Mr. Dix of New York says Roosevelt owes him an apology for uttering an untruth about him. If Roosevelt stopped to apologize for every untruthful attack he has made on men who differ from him, he would be standing still most of the time.

Of course Col. Ross Hammond is defending Burkett in his newspaper. Burkett gave Col. Hammond that fine little job as collector of internal revenue.

Senator Cummins it not elevating himself in the estimation of independent men by his efforts to appeal to partisanship.



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